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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 6,084,905
Japan 8-298682
Japan 7-336271
Japan 7-177126
Japan 8-265215

Ue, T. et al., "Performance of Symbol Rate and Modulation Level Controlled Adaptive Modulation System", Technical Report of IEICE, RCS95-30, pages 25-30.

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 8-322713. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated December 28, 2001 is enclosed.

It is noted that Japan 7-336271 has an English language counterpart in U.S. Patent 5,974,083, which was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 12, 2000.

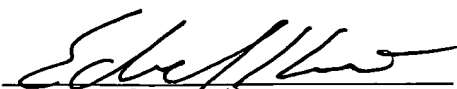
Additionally, it is noted that an English language counterpart for Japan 8-298682 (namely, U.S. Patent 6,084,905) has been located and is cited herein for the Examiner's consideration.

Further, English language abstracts for the documents 7-177126 and 8-265215, and for the article to Ue, have been located and are also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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